TION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) to (c) The recommendation of L. K. Jha Committee have been taken note of.

It is not correct to say that Operation Flood III funds are being spent freely for creating capacities. Funding under Operation Flood III is based on an indepth appraisal of the sub project investment proposals of the milk shed unions and their overall viability. Capacities provided essentially to meet the peak season procurement which is normally 50% more than lean season procurement.

Capacities of dairy plants/cattle feed plants are not being grossly under utilised. Capacity utilisation of dairy/cattle feed plants during the last 2 years has been good as indicated in the table below :

(Percentage utilisation)

	1987-88		1988-89	
	Peak	Average	Peak	Average
Milk Processing (Rural Dairies)	79	61	76	60
Powder Plants	76	68	71	67
Cattle Feed Plants	79	63	68	54

onversion of milk into its products

3134. SHRI RAM AWADESH NGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the procurement of milk from Operation Flood dairies since the year 1982-83 is far more than the total liquid milk marketed by them but because some of such dairies especially in Gujarat are converting large quantity of milk into products, the artificial scarcity of liquid milk is created;

(b) whether Government are planning to regulate conversion of milk into product so that liquid milk sale gets top priority in order to restrict dependence on imported milk powder and butter oil for conversion into milk by metro dairies;

(c) what was the indigenous production of milk powder and during they ear 1987-88 as compared to the 1974-75 in the State of Gujarat as well as all over the country; and

(d) whether Government propose to ban all milk products imports as has been done for Vegetable Oils ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) Between 1982-83 to 1988-89, the direct sale of milk by Rural Dairies under Operation Flood has increased by about 41%, while milk procurement has increased by about 13%. While all efforts are made to market liquid milk by dairies under Operation Flood, including Gujarat, the surplus milk in the flush season is converted into products mainly in the form of powder to be primarily used for recombination into liquid milk during the lean season.

(b) Under Operation Flood, Co-operative Dairies give priority to liquid milk marketing and only surplus during the flush season is converted into products. During the lean season various State Govts. and Union Territory Administrations promulgate milk and milk products control orders to restrict conversion of milk into products in order to augment the availability of liquid milk.

(c) The details of estimated production of milk powder (including infant milk food) are given below:

(In '000 MT

Year	All India	G.C.M. M.F.
1974-75 . .	23.5	21.2 (1975-76)
1987-88 . .	100.0	44.8

Figures for production of Butter are not available.

(*) — (Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation).

(d) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

Directive/letter received by the Delhi Administration regarding the strength of Labour Court/ Industrial Tribunals

3135. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI T. R. BALU :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any directive/letter has been received by the Delhi Administration regarding the strength of Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals and regarding the pending industrial disputes;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has since been initiated thereon;

(c) the number of industrial disputes which are pending before each Labour Court and Industrial Tribunal; as on date and among those, how many are two, three and five years' old disputes;

(d) whether there is any Vacancy of Presiding Officers to be filled up in any of the Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals including the date of the vacancy ; and

(e) what steps have been taken to fill up the vacancy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Chief Justice of India has recommended (i) increase in the number of Industrial Tribunals and Labour Courts by 100% so that the pending cases before the Industrial Tribunals/Labour Courts are disposed off by 1st January, 1990 and (ii) filling up of the vacant posts of the Presiding Officers within a month. The proposal to increase the number of Courts on emergent basis as per suggestion of the Chief Justice of India is under active consideration by the Delhi Administration.